

Crop Progress & Condition



NEW YORK

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Poor Week for Field Work: New York had an average of 2 days suitable for field work. This week's weather for New York showed much improvement over the last couple of week as the weather was nice but fields are still too wet for work. Most days were warm and included some rain showers which allowed the remaining snow to melt. With the nice weather, farmers are eager to get out into the fields but the melting snow and rain has caused fields to be saturated with water and unable to be plowed or planted. If this weather keeps up, the next two weeks should be busy ones for farmers. Some southern counties are reporting plowing being done but the majority of the state is still waiting for conditions to be right. There is a lot of manure being spread throughout the state as well as some farmers are starting to apply fertilizers. Winter wheat is starting to green and grow with the warmer, sunny days. In some parts of the state, fruits trees are close to green tip and should progress nicely in the coming weeks. This warm weather is not good for everyone though, as maple producers are hoping for more nights below freezing to extend the season. The maple collection season is expected to be shorter this year as the weather went from being very cold to warm within a matter of days. Overall, the warmer temperatures were a welcome sight to many people in New York after the cold, snowy winter. In the next couple of weeks field work should really take off, if the weather cooperates and the fields dry out some. Field activities for the week include hauling and spreading manure, applying fertilizer, starting to plow fields, some pruning of trees, fixing machinery and preparing for the season to start.

NY Soil Moisture for Week Ending April 6, 2014

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil	0%	0%	29%	71%
Subsoil	0%	0%	39%	61%

Crop Progress

The hard winter in New York has caused a delay in the planting season so there is no crop progress to report. Fields are either covered in snow, frozen or saturated with water.

Crop Condition (in %):

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture and Range	25	23	41	9	2
Winter Wheat	0	6	58	36	0

For a complete nationwide weekly weather and crop bulletin, please visit www.usda.gov/oc/weather and click on "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#)."

April 13, 2014 New York Weekly Weather Summary

		Last Week Weather Summary						Accumulation Since April 1, 2014					
		Temperature				Precipitation		Precipitation			GDD Base 50F		Base 40F
Region	Station	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total	Days	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	Total
Northern	Fort_Drum	65	32	44	+4	1.73	4	2.21	+0.91	6	5	+5	37
	Highmarket	58	21	38	-1	1.20	4	1.85	-0.19	6	0	0	8
	Hooker_12NNW	63	27	42	+7	1.12	4	1.57	+0.01	6	0	0	24
	Lowville	63	24	41	+1	1.12	4	1.44	+0.04	5	0	0	19
	Massena	62	27	42	+2	1.02	4	1.53	+0.27	5	2	+2	27
	Watertown_Intl	68	28	44	+4	1.66	4	2.15	+0.98	5	5	+5	43
Northeast	Indian_Lake	57	21	37	+2	0.74	3	1.32	+0.07	4	0	0	0
	Malone	61	28	42	+5	0.92	4	1.19	+0.03	5	0	0	27
	Newcomb	56	20	38	+3	1.15	4	1.75	+0.45	5	0	0	7
	North_Creek	63	20	40	0	0.68	3	1.13	-0.56	4	0	0	18
	Plattsburgh_Int	63	23	45	+5	0.63	4	0.95	-0.32	5	5	+5	48
	Tupper_Lake_Sun	58	23	38	+3	0.82	4	1.22	-0.11	6	0	0	5
Western	Avon	71	25	46	+4	0.96	3	1.27	+0.07	6	11	+11	46
	Buffalo_Intl_AP	70	32	46	+3	1.61	4	2.09	+0.79	5	11	+11	62
	Canandaigua_3S	68	27	44	+2	1.04	5	1.21	-0.09	6	4	+4	37
	Colden_1W	66	27	44	+4	1.20	4	1.66	+0.03	5	5	+5	42
	Dansville_AP	73	28	48	+6	0.50	2	0.71	-0.41	5	20	+20	77
	Geneva_Research	70	24	45	+3	0.91	2	1.10	-0.09	4	6	+6	41
	Rochester_NY	72	30	48	+5	0.93	4	1.45	+0.26	6	14	+14	61
	Warsaw	65	24	43	+5	1.17	4	1.64	+0.21	6	4	+4	37
	Youngstown	66	27	45	+3	1.26	5	1.74	+0.70	7	4	+4	40
Central	Auburn_NY	70	26	44	+1	1.10	4	1.39	-0.01	6	4	+4	40
	Boonville	58	19	39	+1	0.98	4	1.80	-0.24	5	0	0	14
	Cooperstown	78	27	47	+7	0.57	4	0.83	-0.75	5	10	+10	57
	Fulton-Oswego	69	28	45	+3	0.82	4	1.40	-0.05	6	7	+7	45
	Oneonta	60	22	41	-2	0.46	5	0.52	-1.17	7	0	0	19
	Sherburne	67	22	42	+2	0.43	4	0.60	-0.82	5	3	+3	27
	Syracuse_AP	69	28	47	+4	1.33	4	1.68	+0.24	6	15	+15	59
Eastern	Albany_County_A	69	27	49	+6	0.22	3	0.33	-1.05	5	15	+15	81
	Alcove_Dam	67	23	44	+2	0.69	3	0.83	-0.72	5	0	0	38
	Brunswick_NY	67	29	47	+6	0.21	3	0.34	-1.27	5	3	+3	54
	Buskirk	65	23	44	+3	0.37	4	0.77	-0.84	5	3	+3	36
	Cobleskill	65	23	43	+3	0.31	3	0.45	-0.85	4	0	0	32
	Peck_Lake	57	23	38	-4	0.72	5	1.37	-0.32	6	0	0	6
	Saratoga_Spring	67	26	44	-1	0.44	4	0.92	-0.64	6	1	+1	38
Southwest	Alfred	69	17	41	+2	1.05	4	1.54	+0.24	6	0	0	20
	Bath	69	21	42	-1	1.14	3	1.43	+0.29	6	3	+3	30
	Corning	67	20	41	-3	0.84	4	1.26	+0.12	6	0	0	25
	Franklinville	67	18	42	+3	0.85	3	1.22	-0.18	6	3	+3	33
	Jamestown_AP	64	32	46	+4	0.64	2	1.04	-0.39	4	15	+15	64
	Olean	68	22	43	+3	1.12	5	1.70	+0.14	8	2	+2	35
	Perrysburg	67	25	44	+2	1.18	4	1.64	+0.34	5	4	+4	46
Southern	Binghamton_Broo	65	31	46	+5	0.69	4	0.89	-0.57	6	13	+13	61
	Elmira_Ag	68	24	43	-1	0.87	4	1.22	-0.06	6	2	+2	35
	Ithaca_Cornell_	67	26	42	0	0.65	4	0.80	-0.60	6	1	+1	23
	Mecklenburg	63	23	40	-2	0.66	4	0.88	-0.56	7	0	0	16
	Owego_3WSW	69	22	42	-1	0.62	3	0.92	-0.63	6	4	+4	32
	Whitney_Point_L	67	24	43	+1	0.66	4	0.81	-0.74	7	4	+4	33
Southeast	Bridgehampton	67	26	45	0	0.81	2	1.05	-0.90	4	7	+7	57
	Carmel_4N	66	26	47	+1	0.41	3	0.57	-1.32	4	9	+5	70
	East_Jewett	64	21	42	+5	0.94	3	1.03	-0.99	5	0	0	28
	Mohonk_Lake	76	32	51	+6	0.56	3	0.92	-0.82	5	22	+21	108
	Montgomery_NY_A	72	26	51	+7	0.58	2	0.72	-0.87	4	24	+24	103
	New_York_LGA	74	41	54	+5	1.00	2	1.28	-0.31	5	37	+18	148
	Poughkeepsie_Ag	72	28	49	+4	0.55	2	0.80	-0.76	3	17	+17	95
	Vanderbilt_Muse	73	33	51	+5	0.92	2	1.31	-0.57	5	26	+22	113
	Walton	65	19	41	-2	0.69	2	0.93	-0.76	4	1	+1	24
	Yorktown_Height	71	34	51	+5	0.62	3	0.71	-1.13	4	19	+16	112

Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal.
 Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches., Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit.
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REPORTERS COMMENTS, By County

Reporters are from Extension Service (Ext), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Conservation District (CD), farmers, commodity specialists, or other knowledgeable individuals.

Broome County, Maria Heath

Frost still in the ground 10" and below on hill tops.

Capital Region, Laura McDermott

Lots of progress made in drying and crop phenology. Some growers have planted peas. Other than grape buds and some stone fruits winter damage doesn't look too bad.

Columbia/Dutchess/Greene/Putnam/Ulster/Westchester Counties, Sandy Ferry

In Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties the snow is melted and with the warm weather over the past week the ground is starting to dry out and the fruit trees are either at green tip or will be in the next week so fruit growers are getting ready to start spraying. In Greene County the snow is melting and field work will be able to start very soon.

Cortland/Tompkins Counties, Jennifer Doty

Warm, sunny weather over the weekend has jump started spring field work. Not all fields were as dry as they seemed. Manure lagoons are being emptied. Maple sap is likely ended due to the temperature spike.

Essex County, David Reckahn

Snow has now melted in the valleys. Snow still in the higher elevations which could melt into the fields this week with possible flooding mid-week.

Genesee/Niagara/Ontario Counties, Nathan Herendeen

Top-dressing nitrogen on wheat proceeding very slowly. Fields wet. Wheat regrowth finally started April 11 - 13. Some manure spreading on best drained soils.

Lewis County, Joe Lawrence

The snow is largely gone now, with just low areas and south facing slopes with snow remaining.

Livingston County, Dean Pendergast

No field activity to date reported.

Madison County, Karen Baase

It's still very wet in most areas, even on some of the gravel-based soils. Most "field work" here is spreading manure. However, with higher temperatures and drying winds, plowing on the gravelly soils will begin soon. Pastures are just beginning to green up.

Madison County, Jessica Pylman

The lower elevation land is still wet with water still sitting in some fields. Lower land fields that are well drained land and soils

look as though it may be possible to start plowing soon. Over this past weekend started to see farmers fitting ground in the hills and higher elevation fields. Grasses and pastures do not appear to be greening up much yet. Beginning of week everything was still wet. Warmth and wind in last part of week has seemed to dry things up some.

Oneida County, William Paddock

Oneida County, New York reporting-as of today nearly all of Oneida County has no snow cover left. A few places in the northern part of the county have some snow along the edges and in the woods still. I called producers in the southern, western, central and the northern part of the county. No one is doing any fieldwork at all, some are trying to spread liquid manure as pits are getting quite full. Winter wheat and other cover crops put in last fall are just starting to green up and look as though they made it through the winter. We expect big changes in the county within the next two weeks. The weather this past week has been overall beautiful, warm some rain and frost is coming out of the ground.

Saratoga/Warren/Washington Counties, David Holck

We finally got some warm weather this week, along with half an inch of rain, which melted almost all of the snow. The warm temperatures were not good for everyone. Maple producers were hoping for more nights below freezing to extend the season. Most maple producers are reporting reduced yields from the past 2 years. Temperatures went from too cold to too warm, which reduced maple production. Fields are drying out rapidly, but are still too wet for tillage to begin.

Schuyler/Seneca Counties, Kathy Mastellar

Snow stopped for the week, however temperatures remained cool, prevented fields from drying out.

St. Lawrence County, Clark Putnam

Snow still lingering in some places. Ice went out of most rivers this week still remains in ponds and lakes.

Suffolk County, Susan Gawlik

Fields plowed, planting has begun for potatoes and other early crops.

Suffolk County, Alice Wise

Buds in Long Island vineyards are just starting to swell.

Yates County, Amy Parmelee

Even though the weather is starting to be closer to normal, there is still frost in the ground.

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